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Serial No.: 10/661,242  
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Particularly Useful for the Diagnosis  
and Identification of Therapeutic  
Targets for Osteoarthritis

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**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Dear Sir:

Applicant respectfully petitions under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for an Extension of Time of Five months to file a Response in the above-identified patent application. This will serve to extend the time for filing the Response to the Restriction Requirement mailed September 29, 2005 from October 29, 2005, up to and including March 29, 2006.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, an extension fee of \$1,080.00 for maintaining the pendency of the present application is required. The Commissioner of Patents is hereby authorized to charge fees to Deposit Account No. 16-0085, Reference No. 204231/2042. A duplicate of this letter is enclosed for that purpose.

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